

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-A-01-06

Issued at Ketchikan, Tuesday,
September 12, 2006

Effective 12:01 A.M. Wednesday,
Date: September 13, 2006.

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Thursday,
November 30, 2006, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all waters within the Herring Cove Special Harvest Area described in 5 AAC 40.041 (a) to sport fishing from 12:01 A.M. Wednesday, September 13, 2006 through 11:59 P.M. Thursday, November 30, 2006.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023 (i)(5)(B) are superseded and the provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(j)(6) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are in effect:

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(i) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(5) in Herring Cove Creek,

(B) from Herring Cove Bridge to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 300 yards downstream, sport fishing is closed from September 13 through November 30, 2006.

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(j) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(6) The Herring Cove Special Harvest Area, as described in 5AAC 40.041, is closed to sport fishing from September 13 through November 30, 2006.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Kelly Reppert
Ketchikan Area
Assistant Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) is concerned about the low level of coho salmon returning to the Whitman Lake hatchery. Coho salmon milling within the Special Harvest Area are destined for use as broodstock for this facility. Due to the poor returns to date of coho to the hatchery, SSRAA has requested that this area be closed to sport fishing to ensure that any fish present within this area are available to help meet broodstock needs.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 215, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907) 225-2859.